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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE


References AB and AL-AQ were cited during the prosecution of the German priority application. Reference AC is a U.S. Patent corresponding to reference AM. Reference AD is a U.S. Patent corresponding to reference AP. The relevance of reference AB was discussed in the Specification. Reference AA is provided as additional art for the Examiner to consider—since this reference is in English, no

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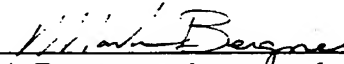
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